

DESCRIPTION
RECORDING MEDIUM DISC STORAGE CASE

COPY

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a storage case for packaging a recording medium disc having recorded therein a music, image or optically readable digital information for use in a computer.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of 10/075,201 filed on 2/15/02, now patent number 6,732,854, which is a continuation of 09/423,298, filed on 11/9/99, now patent number 6,443,299, which is a continuation of PCT/JP99/01068 filed on 3/4/99.

BACKGROUND ART

One known prior art related to such storage cases for packaging recording medium discs such as CDs, DVDs and LDs is described in Japanese Examined Patent Publication No. HEI 6-51506 (corresponding to United States Patent No. 4,874,085).

This prior art storage case is constructed to support a disc only at its central area free of information carrying tracks and not to contact the area containing information carrying tracks of the disc by providing a predetermined clearance therebetween, so as not to transfer any deformation of the case to the disc.

Thus, this construction requires that the case have a higher rigidity so as to minimize its possible deformation, and make such clearance relatively large. This results in a drawback that the case has a relatively large thickness.

The storage case having an increased thickness involves problems such as a larger storage space needed for such cases